

Instructions

Final Draft

The student may select any topic featured in the course and write a 6-8 page Research Paper that discusses current issues and includes academic research. The paper must be written using current APA format. Five peer-reviewed sources must be cited throughout the work. The Final Draft must be composed in a Word document and submitted via Turnitin, a plagiarism-detection tool used in Canvas.

Rubric Name: Paper Rubric

Criteria	Expert	Proficient	Novice	Unsatisfactory	Criterion Score
INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE	50 points The paper demonstrates that the author fully understands and has applied concepts learned in the course. Concepts are integrated into the writer's own insights. The writer provides concluding remarks that show analysis and synthesis of ideas	40 points The paper demonstrates that the author, for the most part, understands and has applied concepts learned in the course. Some of the conclusions, however, are not supported in the body of the paper.	30 points The paper demonstrates that the author, to a certain extent, understands and has applied concepts learned in the course.	20 points The paper does not demonstrate that the author has fully understood and applied concepts learned in the course.	/ 50
Topic Focus	50 points The topic is focused narrowly enough for the scope of this assignment. A thesis statement provides direction for the paper, either by statement of a position or hypothesis.	40 points The topic is focused but lacks direction. The paper is about a specific topic but the writer has not established a position.	30 points The topic is too broad for the scope of this assignment.	20 points The topic is not clearly defined.	/ 50

APA	20 points Appearance is readable and neat; correct use of APA, margins, font size/style, pagination, title page; reference page correctly formatted, double-spaced, alphabetized; sources correctly cited.	15 points Appearance is readable and neat; most of paper uses correct APA, margins, font size/style, pagination, title page; reference page format generally consistent and alphabetized; sources correctly cited.	10 points Readability and neatness of paper are compromised by the number of errors; APA format is inconsistent and inadequate; reference page is inconsistent and not alphabetized; most sources correctly cited.	0 points Not present	/ 20
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Overall Score

Level 4 11 points minimum	Level 3 8 points minimum	Level 2 5 points minimum	Level 1 0 points minimum
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